TO: 2003-2004 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

Affiliated Chapters

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Welcome back to school after a busy summer! We are so proud of Missouri chapters as you continue to promote membership, participate in state and national programs, perform well in STAR Events, and attend state and national meetings that provide leadership development to members.

Again this year, all Missouri chapters will submit affiliation to the state headquarters and <u>not</u> through the national lock box system. **Be sure to use the Missouri form, not the national form**. Retain the yellow copy for your local records. Send the white copy to the state office. The dues payment (check) **MUST** be enclosed with the form. It is important that dues for the 2004-2005 school year are submitted in a timely manner – please ensure the final dues payments are submitted prior to May 15, 2005. Missouri forms were sent to national headquarters to be included in the "Be Part of It" packet sent to Missouri schools. In addition, a Missouri affiliation form is available on the Missouri FCCLA web site. Please submit one check to cover regional, state and national dues to the state office.

The 2004-2005 State Executive Council has chosen the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Missouri as the recipient of the Missouri FCCLA "Hand in Hand, We Can" Community Service project. The purpose of the Make-A-Wish Foundation is to grant the wish of each child who has reached the age of $2\frac{1}{2}$ through 18 who has a life-threatening medical condition meaning a progressive, degenerative or malignant condition that has placed the child's life in jeopardy. The enclosed flyer provides additional information on this project.

The Missouri STAR Events manual and the Missouri FCCLA Member Handbook is available on the Missouri web site for you to use in your classroom. If you need a hard copy from the state office, we will be happy to send you one. You should also utilize the national FCCLA web site as needed.

The 2004-2005 State Executive Council encourages all chapters to participate in the national "Be Part of It" membership program and continues to stress the use of national programs. Participation in these two areas will help chapters become more active and involved, making the state association stronger. Chapters are also encouraged to promote leadership opportunities through regional and state officer elections. Missouri FCCLA needs more active and involved leaders!

Please contact any of the state officers or the state advisor for assistance as needed. Best wishes to all for a successful 2004-2005 school year!

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